

In the Name of God Amen

The first day of Jan^{ry} in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty three
or four; I, Israel Nichols of Hingham in the
County of Suffolk in New Englnd. Gent^l.
Being advanced to a considerable Age and
weak in body but of perfect mind and
Memory thanks be given to God; therefore
Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body
Knowing that is appointed for all men
one to Dye; doe make and Ordaine this
my Last will and Testament; that is to Say
principally and first of all, I give and
Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God
who Gave it, and my Body I Recommend to
the Earth to be buried in Decent and Chris-
tian Burial at the Direction of my Executors
hereafter named. Nothing doubting but at
the General Resurrection, I shall receive the
same again by the Almighty power of God.
and as touching such Worldly Estate, with which
it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with
in this Life; I give demise and Dispose of the
same in following Manner and form; that
is to Say. my Mind and will is that all my
Just Debts I owe to any person or persons
whatsoever shall be well and truly paid
in Convenient time after my Decease, by
my Executors hereafter Named; -
Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Eldest
Son Nath^l. Nichols tenn shill^s. in money or
bills of Credit and two Shares of my Commons
or undivided Land in the township of Hingham
which with twenty Acres of Land I formerly gave
him I Judge his Sufficient Portion.

Item I give to my ^{Son} Maxamiah Nichols five Shillings
in money or bills of Credit and one share of
my Commons or undivided Land in Hingham
which with twenty Acres of Land I formerly
gave him I Judge his Sufficient portion.

I Item I give to my son Roger Nichols five
shillings yearly as Rents of Part of and some
of my Commons or Undivided Land in Hingham
with twenty Acres of Land and thirty pound
in Buildings I formerly gave him: I Judge
his sufficient Portion.

Item I give to my son Isaac Nichols his
heir and assigns for ever all my Land and
meadow I purchased of Aaron Hobart
lying and being in the Township of Lancaster
in the County of Middlesex and also one
Seventh part of my Land and meadow which
belonged to my Wife Mary Nichols Deceased
which I lately bought of Mr. Jones. Lying
in said Lancaster. Item I Give to the Children
of my Daughter Ruth Hodder deceased the
sum of thirty pounds and ten shill. in
Money or bills of Credit to be equally Divi-
ded among them, as they arrive to the
Age of Eighteen Years or at their Marriage
which shall first happen: with Lawfull
Interest for the same untill payment
be made after my Decease, Except Isaac
to whom I have already paid forty shill.
in part, and Elizabeth and Thomas to
whom I have paid Seven pounds and ten
shillings, wh. together with fifty pounds
wh. was her Mothers I formerly gave her
and a Negro Girl I formerly gave their
Mother, I Judge their Sufficient Portion.

Item my will and mind is that my Children
I had by my Wife Mary Nichols shall build
a Monument over my said Wife's Grave
and that my Executor hereafter named shall
build a Monument over my Grave; -

Item I give to my Daughter Charity and
son and other Children for ever beforementioned
two Shares of Commons of Undivided Lands
in Hingham; Item I give to my Grandson
Thomas Nichols my Horse & Furniture.

Item I give to my Sons my wearing Apparel
to be Equally Divided among them; -

Item my mind and will is that my Exec^r
hereafter named; shall pay all the Legacies
I have given in this my will to my Children
and Grandchildren with Lawfull Interest
for the time from my Decease to the time
y^e said Legacies be paid: and my mind and
will is that each of my Grand Children
shall have a bible given to them by my
Executor out of my Estate at my Decease
Except to those to whom I have already
done the same. -

Item all the Residue and remainder of
my Estate not before disposed off both real
and personal; I Give and bequeath one
half part thereof to my son Israel
Nichols and the other half part thereof
amongst all my Grandchildren to be Equally
Divided amongst them; And I do hereby
Nominate constitute and appoint my well
beloved son Nath^l. Nichols and my Trusty
Friend Jacob Cushing of Hingham to be my
Exec^r to this my Last will and Testament

Item I give to the Children of my Daughter Mary Gros Deceased the sum of Seventy five pounds in Money or Bills of Credit to be equally divided to and among them as they arrive to the age of Eighteen Years, or are married wh^{ch} shall first happen; except to Simon her eldest Son to whom I formerly gave twenty five pounds wh^{ch} is all I intended for him.

Item I give to my Daughter Thankfull Spear five shill^{ls} in money or Bills of Credit which with one hund pounds and a Negro Girl I formerly gave her I Judge her Sufficient portion.

Item I give to my Daughter Charity Anderson one pounds in money or Bills of Credit wh^{ch} with one hund pounds I formerly gave her I Judge her Sufficient portion.

Item I give to my Daughter Silence Greenleaf one pound in money or Bills of Credit; which with one hund pounds I formerly gave her I Judge her Sufficient portion.

Item I give all my household goods in manner following vizt: one fifth part to the Children of my Daughter Ruth Hodder Deceased, one fifth part to the Children of my Daughter Mary Gros Deceased. One fifth part to my Daughter Thankfull Spear one fifth part to my Daughter Charity Anderson and the other fifth part to my Daughter Silence Greenleaf and if any of my Daughters dye before the time of division of said household Goods that then their Children, shall have their Mother's fifth part of said Goods.

And I doe by these presents utterly disallow,
revoke, and disannull, all and every other and
former Testaments, wills, Legacies, Bequests
and Execut^s by me, before in any way named
willed, and bequeathed, Ratifying & Confirming
this and no other to be my last will and
Testament, in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and
Year first above written.

^{his}
Israel Nichols & Seal
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Signed, sealed, published, pronounced; and
declared by the said Israel Nichols as his
last will and Testament in the presence
of us the Subscribers

Concordat cum originali } John Beal Jun^r

John Boydecker } Daniell Nichols
Sam^r. Cushing

Suffolk } By the Honorable Josiah Willard
Esq^r Judge of Probate &c.

The foregoing will being presented for probate by
Israel Nichols one of the Executors therein named (Jacob
Cushing the other Executor at the same time renounced his
Executorship) John Beal Jun^r and Samuel Cushing made oath
that they saw Israel Nichols the Subscriber to this Instru-
ment sign and seal and heard him publish and declare the same to
be his last will and Testament and that when he so did he was
of sound & disposing mind and memory, according to the Depositions
last discerning and that they (together with Daniell Nichols now
absent) set to their hands as witnesses thereof in & said Testators
presence

Boston Feb^y 21th 1733

John Boydecker
Willard

Israel Nichols's Will.

1733.